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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 3569

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, UN, VN, VS, CB

SUBJECT: PRG AND KHMER ISSUES IN WHA

REF: STATE 83517

1. DUE TO TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM LAGOS AT UNGA OF PRINCIPAL MEA OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH PRG AND KHMER ISSUES, EMBASSY HAS REFRAINED FROM MAKING APPROACH SUGGESTED REFTTEL. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE FMG'S POSITION HAS CHANGED FROM THAT PREVIOUSLY OUTLINED LAST NOVEMBER IN LAGOS 9063. AS NOTED AT THE TIME, FMG CONSIDERS PROBLEMS OF CAMBODIA AND PRG REPRESENTATION AS BEING SECONDARY ISSUES NOT AFFECTING ITS VITAL INTERESTS (DESPITE ITS SUPPORT, ALBEIT LUKEWARM, OF THE NON-ALIGNED CONSENSUS REACHED IN ALGIERS) AND IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH REMAINING IN STEP WITH OTHER OAU AND MAC COUNTRIES. NIGERIANS ARE UNRESPONSIVE TO OUR ARGUMENTS ON THESE QUESTIONS, AND FURTHER EFFORT HERE WILL SERVE ONLY TO PROVOKE THEIR IRRITATION WITHOUT OFFERING ANY PROSPECT OF SUCCESS.

2. IF SIHUES COME TO VOTE AT WHA IN GENEVA, DECISION WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE LEFT TO JUDGMENT OF NIGERIAN

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DEL ON BASIS OF TACTICAL SITUATION WITHOUT REFERENCE

TO LAGOS. GIVEN FACT THEIR BASIC GUIDELINES WILL
BE TO AVOID ISOLATION FROM NAC CONSENSUS, ABSTENTION
APPEARS BEST WE CAN HOPE FOR ON THESE TWO QUESTIONS.
SUGGEST THAT US DEL AND/OR INTERESTED ASIAN NATIONS
APPROACH NIGERIAN DEL IN GENEVA WITH VIEW AT LEAST
INSURING AGAINST AFFIRMATIVE NIGERIAN VOTE, WHICH
COULD OCCUR IF NON-ALIGNED ARE SUFFICIENTLY COHESIVE
THAT ABSTENTION WOULD LEAVE NIGERIANS FEELING
UNCOMFORTABLY ALONE.
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